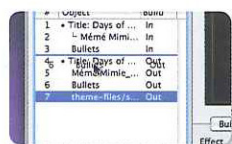


Tutorial: Add transitions to text and other objects

With Keynote you can add individual transitions to objects on your slide, like text boxes or photos. We'll show you how...



Task: Add effects to bring in or remove objects from a slide

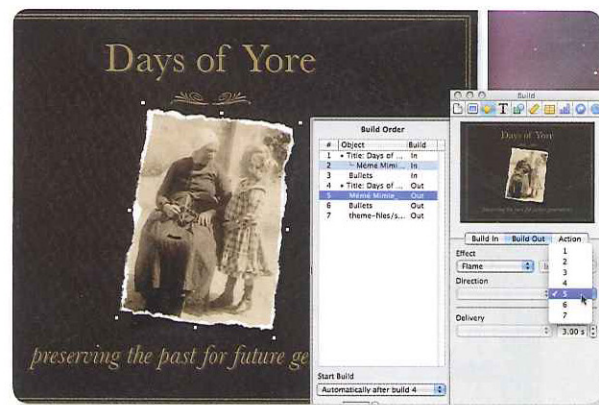
Difficulty: Beginner

Time needed: 25 minutes

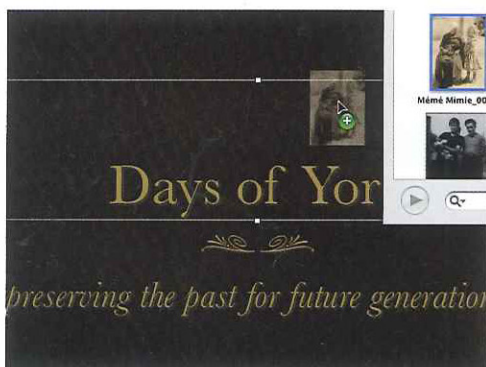


Keynote's purpose as a presentational application is to display information and objects like images and text boxes on a screen as elegantly as possible. This means that objects placed on a slide do not need to merely appear and disappear – you can add transitional effects to them to make this process much more dynamic and interesting. You have at your disposal 27 different and highly polished effects to choose from, so there's really no excuse to have a boring presentation.

We will show you where they are located, how you can use them and how you can customise their appearance and timing to make your presentation as interesting as possible.

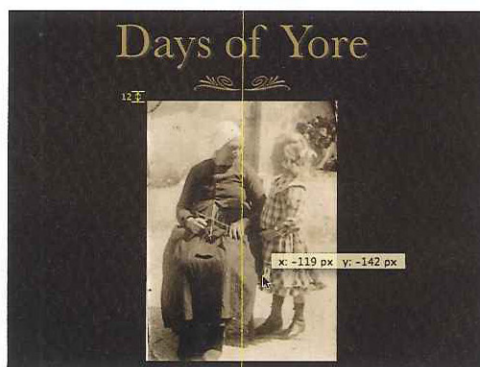


Step-by-step Keynote Add a unique transition to various objects on a slide



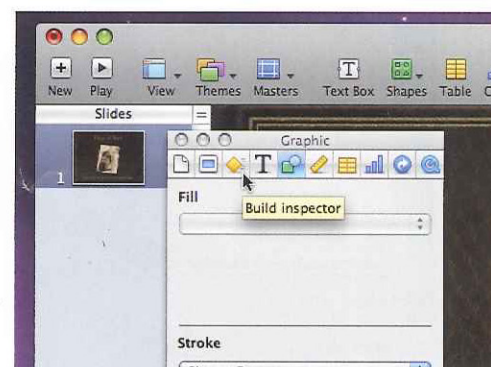
1: Get started

Choose a theme and fill in the default text boxes. Click on the Media button and drag an image from your iPhoto library onto the slide.



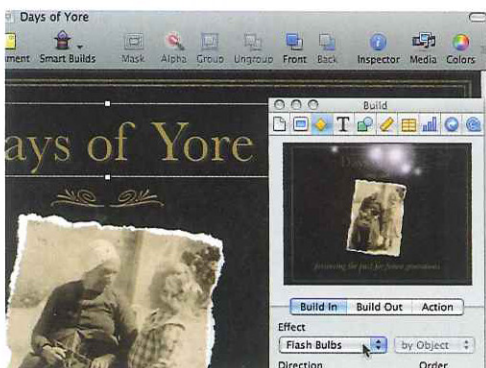
2: Move along

Reposition the image and text if you need to (to resize either of them, select it and drag one of the white squares located along its border).



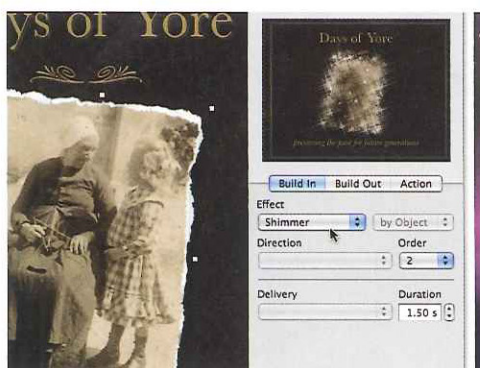
3: Build with the Inspector

Go to the Inspector's Build tab (third from the left). You can create transitions to bring an object onto the slide or to take it out. Select Build In.



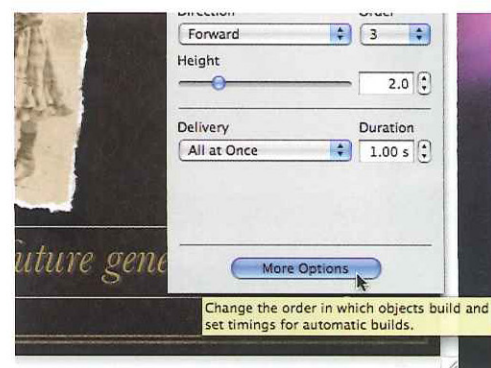
4: Effect selection

Select an object on your slide and click on the Effects pull-down menu. Choose an effect and see it previewed at the top of the Inspector window.



5: Preview the slide

Repeat for the other objects and play the slide (Play>Play Slideshow). Notice that you must click the mouse button each time to move to the next effect.



6: More options

In order to change this behaviour, you must click on the More Options button, located at the bottom of the Inspector's Build tab.



Add transitions

And... action!

Effects can also be used to move an object on the slide by using the Build Inspector's Action tab. You can alter an object's position, size, rotation and opacity

Knowledge base

Re-order builds

An easy way to re-order your build is by using the Build Order window. Click on an effect from the list and drag it up or down to alter when it will take place in relation to the other effects. You can, of course, mix and match build in, out and actions to create as complex a slide as you wish.

Knowledge base

Customise effects

There is a certain degree of customisation available to you when it comes to creating an effect. Each time you select a different one, the fields beneath it in the Inspector window change to reflect which parameters can be altered. Experiment at your leisure to choose the look that works best for you.

Multiple actions

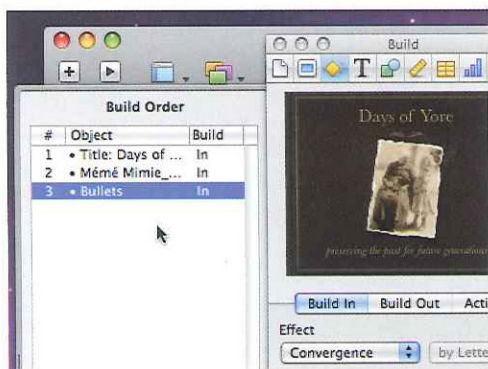
You're not limited to only one effect per object; click on this button to add as many actions as you need

Delay an effect

Even though you can set an action to take place at the same time as another, you are still free to add a delay to it should you wish to slightly scatter your effect

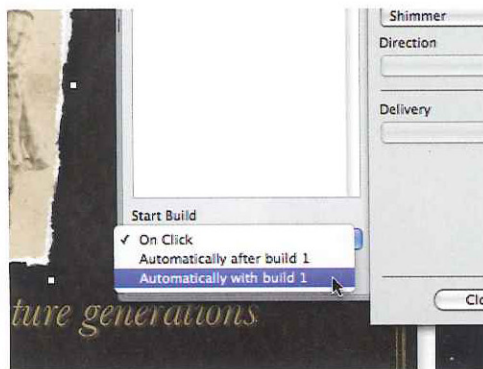
Build order

Each build has a specific order, which can be altered from the Inspector's Build section. Click on this pull-down menu and select a different number to start re-ordering your effects



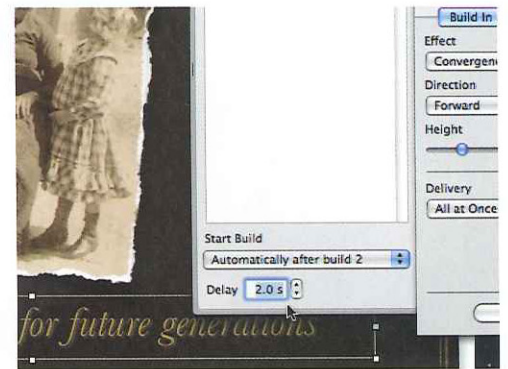
7: An ordered list

A list of all your actions appears to the side of the Inspector. They are all placed in the order in which they were created.



8: At the same time

Select the second one and choose Automatically with build 1 from the Start Build pull-down menu. The preview shows both effects happening at once.



9: Delayed action

Select the third one and choose Automatically after build 2. Alter the Delay field to specify how long to wait for the effect to happen.